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PSL PACK CHASING N'CASTLE

—By Andrew Dettre —

Newcastle, against all predictions, are still perched at the top of the PSL table and their match this weekend against Sydney Olympic should draw a near record crowd.

Still the only unbeaten team, Newcastle have been able to build on their very good start and are likely to stay in contention for weeks to come.

Below them, the competition table is still in turmoil.

Sydney City have zoomed up from last to second place in two weeks and, the way they are playing, again look to be the team to beat for the title.

Last week their John Stevenson scored a classic goal, possibly the best seen for some time — regrettably unrecorded for posterity in our TV-starved city of Sydney.

Brisbane City are still busy collecting points while Marconi, with yet another win, have moved up to be within striking distance of the leaders.

Last year's champions, West Adelaide, have yet to hit their

straps, while their local neighbors, City, are struggling to find form and confirm their extremely high overall rating.

The "lower house" on the table also went into some motion last weekend with Brisbane Lions and APIA registering precious wins.

With only two points separating 4th from 13th, the field is very tightly packed and still subject to sudden, violent fluctuations.

Trailing are St. George, clearly having their worst start for many years and heading towards some sort of a crisis.

They have lost the last six of their seven matches and such a disastrous run is becoming tough to explain by sheer bad luck.

Apart from the Newcastle clash, the most stirring battle of the Easter round could be APIA's game against Heidelberg.

In Brisbane City the hosts will face Canberra, while Sydney City travel to play South Melbourne



hoping to add to the woes of SM manager Dave McLaren — their former coach.

The Saints will try to steady their ranks against the classy Adelaide City, while Marconi travel south to play Footscray who, without the power of Ollerton, look like an ineffective though dainty lot.

West Adelaide fans hope that prodigal son John Kosmina will begin to fire against Lions and start to haul the champions up the ladder towards a more prominent position.



Olympic's Peter Raskopoulos wriggles himself free in the match against APIA in one of the three Sydney PSL games last Sunday.



"Tell me, is that ball between your legs really suspended?" This is what a Footscray player appears to be asking of Sydney City's Steve O'Connor in another PSL match last week.

SOCEROOS PICKED

Rudi Gutendorf announced in Melbourne his plan to select a national squad shortly.

"They will be judged by their club performances and trainings during the entire season," he said.

"Probably at the end of April I will form an in-

termediate squad with about 26 players.

"They will be called up for training from April 30 to May 5.

"After this camp, the

squad will be reduced to 18 players.

"They will represent the ASF against PSL sides and visiting teams.

"All these will be held on Wednesday evenings, probably one in each State."

— J. Stephen

PHILIPS CUP ON ANZAC DAY

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"It is difficult to say why Sydney has not taken off yet."

"I think it is because we have been sticking too much to our original tribes."

The assurances and opinions came from Philips Holdings chairman Herman Huyer at the drawing of the 32-team Philips Cup.

The opening round will be played in six States and the ACT on Anzac Day, Wednesday, April 25.

This is the full draw:

BRISBANE LIONS v SOUTHSIDE EAGLES	Perry Park
BRISBANE CITY v ST GEORGE SOUTH	Perry Park
ST GEORGE (NSW) v IPSWICH	Barton Stadium
SUTHERLAND v SYD OLYMPIC	Barton Stadium
CROATIA (NSW) v APIA	Wentworth Park
SYDNEY CITY v AUBURN	Wentworth Park
MARCONI v MELITA EAGLES	Marconi Stadium
NEWCASTLE v EDGEWORTH	Intern. Sp. Centre
CANBERRA v WEST WODEN	Bruce Stadium
ST KILDA v ESSENDON	Middle Park
PRESTON v WHITE EAGLES (TAS)	Middle Park
HEIDELBERG v SOUTH MELBOURNE	Olympic Park
GEORGE CROSS v FOOTSCRAY	Olympic Park
ADELAIDE CITY v WEST ADELAIDE	Olympic Field
E.D. AZZURRI v ELIZABETH CITY	Hindmarsh
CUMBERLAND UTD. v KINGSWAY OLYMPIC	Hindmarsh

NORWICH, PARTIZAN TOURS CONFIRMED

Norwich City, led by former England World Cup hero Martin Peters, will play five matches in Australia in May.

This is their fixed schedule:

- **Perth:** Sunday, May 13;
- **Adelaide:** Wednesday, May 16;
- **Melbourne:** Sunday, May 20;
- **Canberra:** Wednesday, May 23;
- **Sydney:** Sunday, May 27.

Everywhere except in Canberra State teams will meet the English visitors.

In Canberra their opponents will be an Australian XI selected by Rudi Gutendorf.

In June, Partizan Belgrade will play four matches in Australia, with Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide certain venues.

Partizan have been one

of the most distinguished Yugoslav clubs since the end of the war and never have less than half a dozen full international stars.

The Young Australia team is also likely to be in action shortly.

Yugoslavia's Under-19 side, on its way to the FIFA/Coca-Cola World Youth Cup finals in Japan, will make a brief stop-over

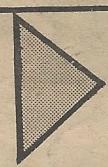
to play two games here in August.

The ASF still hopes to induce one of the three South American finalists in the Cup — Argentina, Uruguay or Paraguay — to make a similar detour in Australia on their way to Japan.

ASF secretary Brian Le Feuvre has asked FIFA's Brazilian president Joao Havelange to help arrange the visit.

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NEWCASTLE 0 WEST ADEL 0 FOOTSCRAY 0 STH MELB 0 BRISB CITY 0 ST GEORGE.. 1 (0) APIA 2 (1)

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 4, Dods 3, Besir 4, **Muir** 6, B. Nyskohus 4, Marocchi 3 (Marwe 71m), Muniz 4, Northcote 4, Deans 4, J. Nyskohus 4, Kent 3. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 5, Willis 3, Curran 4, McClelland 3, Summerscales 4, Drinkwater 4, Cowburn 4, Seddon 4, Boden 4, Heys 4, Tredennick 3. **Coach:** A. Vest.

Referee: D. Campbell (SA). **Crowd:** 6340.

Newcastle retained their unbeaten record with this contrived draw against luckless Adelaide City; the visitors succeeded in their obvious objective in gaining an away point but their defensive tactics marred the game as a spectacle.

Adelaide City were in command for most of the match and were desperately unlucky not to score at least once from the numerous opportunities.

John Besir, who replaced the suspended John Perin, gave an immaculate display in the centreback position, while Jim Muir was the best player on the park.

Up front Deans and Nyskohus worked tirelessly but the stubborn defiance of the Newcastle defenders denied City any tangible reward.

Phil Dando emerged as Newcastle's hero with three great one-handed saves.

Newcastle's first chance came in the 26th minute but Heys hooked his shot wide.

Most of City's first half attacks were centred on long throughballs to Dears but Summerscales and Drinkwater handled these well.

In the first five minutes of the second half City engineered three good scoring chances, twice by Deans and once by Nyskohus.

Drinkwater and Cowburn added to City's frustrations by clearing off the line shots by J. Nyskohus and Muniz.

Deans made a last ditch attempt to salvage the points for City two minutes from time but again Dando made a superb reflex save.

— A. Crisp

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 4, Moulis 3, Brown 3, Milovanovic 4, Stark 3 (Bailey 46m), Salgado 3, Cant 4, **Davies** 6, Farrell (Hogg 12m, 4), Fielding 3, Byrne 4. **Coach:** V. Fernandez.

WEST ADEL: Crook 4, Tymczyszyn 4, Reynolds 3, McGachey 3, Kambas 3, Jones 3, Boyle 4, Pillans 3, Honeyman 3, McGregor 3, Kosmina 3. **Coach:** T. Forde. **Referee:** J. Wood (Qld). **Crowd:** 5300.

Canberra started the game in a flurry and for the first 20 minutes launched raid upon raid only to see their hopes extinguished by a determined Westadel defence.

Unable to pierce the trenches, Canberra were soon forced to shoot from a distance with Cant and Salgado going close.

However, West Adelaide weathered the initial onslaught and the game


Mike Milovanovic evened out, which was finally borne out by the scoreline.

Canberra midfielder Isaac Farrell had to leave the field injured after 12 minutes and Roy Stark was replaced at halftime yet the team remained fairly composed.

As the match progressed, both teams displayed about the same strengths and weaknesses: they were creating in midfield but the attacks failed to capitalise on their chances.

For Canberra the outstanding player on the day was John Davies who is good enough to be chosen for the national squad.

For Westadel Tymczyszyn and Boyle showed most class but recently returned star John Kosmina seemed out of touch.

He was fairly ordinary and one had to search around the field even to find him.

West Adelaide lacked the cohesion needed for victory and the result, though perhaps disappointing for an impatient and demanding home crowd, was a fair one.

— P. Kunz

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 3, Souness 3, Bruce 3, Thomson 4, O'Connor 3, **Campbell** 5, **Stevenson** 5, Barnes 3, Silva 2, Smith 3, Watson 4. **Coach:** G. Chaldi.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 3, Iloski 3, Ristic 2, Jovicic 2 (Carpenter 49m), Kondarrios 3, Jovanovic 2, Palinkas 3, Lujic 3, Picioane 3, Haza-

bent 2, Ristovski 3. **Coach:** C. Cirkovic. **Referee:** K. Allen (ACT). **Crowd:** 2030.

To expect either side to play fast entertaining football in front of nearly bare stands is a bit much, as there was precious little atmosphere which resulted in this snail-pace match.

Initially the few Yugoslavs present burst into chants of "Plavi", while an enthusiastic band of young boys did their best to vocally support City despite the protests of some older "supporters" who wanted to enjoy the game in peace and quiet.

As the ABC's Martin Royal so astutely put it, the match was played almost like a friendly, with hardly a nasty foul all afternoon, and with neither side showing a great deal of interest.

That was until the last 10 minutes when City realised they could well get a bonus point and speeded up their attack with a great deal of effort.

Ernie Campbell was City's best striker, probing, and having several shots at goal, one of which rocketed off a defender's foot into the roof of the net.

Watson was also effective, while in midfield it was the driving force and direction of Stevenson which saw City through.

Footscray played pretty football at the back, although they got themselves into trouble several times, but they never looked good going forward.

Ristovski and Palinkas looked busy, but really didn't cause much damage to a very tight and efficient City back line.

Stevenson undoubtedly scored the goal of the match when he accepted a through ball from Souness, took the ball down with his chest, then lifted it over the advancing Potter for an excellent goal. — S. Dettre

BRISB LIONS: Lownds 3, Lawry 3, Hermiston 4, Bennett 3, Niven 3, Spearritt 3, Hughes 3, McGregor 3, Russell 3 (Ontong 80m), Wallace 3, Fairbrother 2 (Brennan 52m). **Coach:** E. Spearritt.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Reilly 4, Kalafatidis 3, Munro 4 (Lutton 59m), Baxter 3, Turner 3, Davidson 2, Christopoulos 2, Wright 3, Cummings 2 (Drakeford 46m), Evans 2, Campbell 3. **Coach:** D. Maclare. **Referee:** A. Boskovic (NSW). **Crowd:** 1200. **Caution:** Hughes.

For some 70 minutes this match was a near disaster for fans and for PSL soccer: Brisbane's poorest crowd of the season was subjected to a lot of substandard stuff, endless high balls played with more hope than design and players chasing everywhere pointlessly.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 3, McMillan 4, Tansey 4, Bannon 4, **Proven** 5, **Rooney** 5, Taylor 4, Campbell 2, Bozikas 3, Cole 3, Buljevic 4. **Coach:** J. Margaritis.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 3, Tokesi 5, Wilkinson 4, Pimblett 4, Echeverria 3, Perry 4, **Coyne** 5, Caldwell 4, Potter 3, Low 3, Kelso 2 (Gaffney 58m). **Coach:** N. Saffitch. **Referee:** S. Melings (Vic.). **Crowd:** 4109. **Caution:** Wilkinson, Echeverria.

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ST GEORGE.. 1 (0) **APIA:** 2 (1)

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Olympic did everything right in a tremendously well planned promotion at the Pratten Park ground, which they have taken over from Rugby League.

Everything, that is, except for despatching the ball into the net from a countless run of superb build-ups.

With Bobby McGinn in the defence for the first time in the PSL and Peter Stone at his best following injury, APIA started well, and there could be no complaint about the penalty decision when Billy Palmer shoved Terry Butler inside the box.

Eric Carruthers put APIA ahead, but so many times throughout the second half it seemed inevitable that Olympic would start scoring and never stop.

A penalty for "hands" was turned down, and then the shots started to fly towards McQuire with clockwork precision.

Ainslie's left wing cross was dummied on to McIntosh, who missed.

Peter Raskopoulos put it all together and looked the equal of APIA's Socceroo Peter Stone.

McIntosh, Raskopoulos and Laing went so close before the continuous pressing forward saw them caught short and replacement Drews should have punished them severely.

APIA's final goal started in the depths with another replacement, Brian O'Donnell.

Rampanti was the recipient of a long pass. Quick as a flash it was on to Stone and into the net, near the finish of a truly memorable match.

— K. Gilmour

Branko Buljevic

Brisbane City opened brightly and it was a full 15 minutes before Heidelberg could even move into the visitors' half.

In the 18th minute Cole scored but it was disallowed for hands. Brisbane certainly looked the smarter of the teams but would have needed punch up front.

Banovic was erratic and almost threw the game away in the 31st minute but luck saved him.

Fairbrother, after yet another chase, collided with Reilly and came off; the Joker to win the game.

The best Heidelberg could do was an effort by Buljevic whose shot right on halftime Wishart pushed over the bar.

Shortly after anchorman Munro twisted his knee and he, too, came off and suddenly the South Melbourne defence looked brittle.

The hardworking Wallace's sharp shot was parried by Reilly but only to the onrushing Hughes who blasted it high into the net.

Then Brennan sped past two defenders to angle a good ball past Reilly.

Lions were then well on top and but for Reilly could have even secured the bonus point.

In the 77th minute Drakeford had South Melbourne's first direct shot on target — that fact alone tells a sad story of the visitors who, on the day, lacked any positive thinking.

In fact, one wonders when the results will show for all the efforts South Melbourne reportedly puts into this team. — J. Stephen

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WEST ADELAIDE	★				1-0						1-1			
SYDNEY CITY	★	0-4								2-3	3-0			
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MARCONI		★			0-1	2-1				4-4				
HEIDELBERG		2-2	★		1-0								0-0	
BRIS. LIONS	1-2	2-0	★	2-3										
ST GEORGE	0-5		★								2-4			
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APIA	0-1					★	1-3							
ADELAIDE CITY						0-1	★ 0-0				2-4			
NEWCASTLE		2-1					★					4-1		
FOOTSCRAY			2-2	3-1							★			
CANBERRA	0-0		3-1								0-3	★		
BRISBANE CITY					2-1	2-0					★			

NEWS... PSL NEWS... PSL NEWS...

• Canberra midfielder Mike Smith, who came out to Australia earlier this year, has decided to return to Britain for family reasons.

• Isaac Farrell of Canberra has suspected fractured ribs while captain Roy Stark suffered an ankle injury.

• Dunlop have signed up further players as special promotion representatives: West Adelaide's Kosmina, Crook, Bozanic and Jones; Footscray's Picioane; St George's Cotton and O'Connor. All receive extensive equipment and a fee.

• The Saints are perplexed

about the total collapse of form of their English striker Roy Cotton who is now certain to be dropped for several weeks.

• Gary Marocchi of Adelaide City is still not fully fit after his Achilles tendon operation but is gradually coming back into shape.

• John Besir played so well in Adelaide City's defence that he is likely to stay put there and this will allow John Perin to return to the midfield.

• Adelaide City fans expect great things from Charlie Villani, now 16, but already in the first squad.

• Horatio Ruiz, a more than useful striker with APIA, is now on transfer at a nominal \$500. Originally APIA slapped \$12,000 on his head but through successive appeals the ASF has had this reduced to \$3500, \$800 and now \$500.

• Brisbane Lions' secretary Simon Boegheim: "We now have Alan Hughes and Barrie Fairbrother back, and Tommy McGregor looks a fine prospect. Better things should be coming."

• "Sixteen-year-old Charlie Villani has more potential than any of the younger players I have seen around. Already he is technically the equal of John Perin — at Perin's absolute best," said Adelaide City's Rale Rasic.

• "We all know that Terry Smith has the ability needed, but his job is to keep scoring," says Sydney City's Gerry Chaldi.

• "Gary Meier has had some great games this year and he will be a vital link for our chances of forging ahead on the table," Sydney Olympic's Joe Marston.

• "Last season I was with the lower teams, so there are a few PSL sides that I do not know too well. I am not looking for another 0-3 loss that occurred at home against Footscray, so we will be taking it bit easy at the start in some of the games," says Vic Fernandez, the Canberra City coach.

• The Canberra entertainment group Sago have recorded Canberra City's song, "We'll be with you", and the CBS pressing is on sale in record stores throughout the ACT. The Music is by English writers Jackie Trent and Tony Hatch, and was written for Stoke City club. The lyrics with the Canberra theme were prepared by Ron Wilson and Ian Skilling.

• Danny Moulis is back in favor with national coach Rudi Gutendorf, who says he has improved a deal since the Paraguay games. John Davies, all perception and skill, and Moulis are under consideration for Gutendorf's 25-man squad to prepare for the 1982 World Cup.

THE WEEK THAT WAS

• Canberra coach Vic Fernandez: "I'm satisfied with the result especially as we had to finish without Farrell and Stark. But I'm upset with the attitude of the crowd which was hostile to our team at times. Some of our supporters want kick and rush football and hiss and boo when they don't get it."

• Westad's Tom Forde: "Adelaide fans expected us to win and so I'm disappointed with the result. However, there is no doubt that the destructive attitude of the crowd towards their own team helped our players."

• The bugle in a little boy's hands wasn't sounding the last retreat yet it created havoc at the Sydney City match: two City fans — one who objected to the noise and one who encouraged it — came to blows on the stand causing most of the excitement in the first half.

• Sydney City coach Gerry Chaldi: "We gave a disciplined performance. I knew that if we can be a little more aggressive than usual, it will be enough against the very skilled Footscray."

• Peter Ollerton had to miss Footscray's Sydney trip because of an ankle injury which, however, may clear up by Sunday.

• A surprise spectator at the Sydney City v Footscray game was St. George president Alex Pongrass whose team played the same day at Marconi.

• Footscray coach Cedo Cirkovic: "This was our worst game in 1979. Every time we concede an early goal, the team collapses. The positional changes because of injuries only added to our problems."

• Joe Palinkas, the Footscray striker: "We were tired, jaded and listless. And no wonder: travelling early Sunday morning to Sydney and then loafing for hours before the match can't help."

• Newcastle's Alan Vest: "We didn't play well but did enough to stop them. An away point is always valuable especially against Adelaide City which I regard as potentially the best side in the League."

• Rale Rasic, Adelaide City coach: "This was soccer injustice. How can a team dominate for 87 minutes of the game and not win? I was pleased with the overall performance, as we were without Perin and Russell. Referee Donald Campbell's display was perfect."

• Ken Reed, the APIA striker, reportedly wants to return to George Cross Melbourne, as his wife still lives in Melbourne.

• Eddie Spearritt, Lions: "The win was just what was needed to lift the team's spirit. It showed the players the fruit of 90 minutes of effort."

• A stunned Dave MacLaren of South Melbourne, after his team's disappointing display: "Munro's injury was perhaps the turning point. Until then, I thought we could steal a point."

• Lions' striker Fairbrother is suspected of having cracked some ribs and may be out for some time.

• Jim Adam: "Greg Woodhouse is supposed to have said if he isn't in the first team he wants to move. Well, I have not picked him in the first team."

• Sydney Olympic president John Constantine, at the opening match at the former Rugby League ground, Pratten Park: "My greatest pleasure is to welcome the people of the Ashfield municipality. It also gives me pleasure to announce a new sponsorship from Australia's own airline, Qantas, who are helping us along with Patra and Ingham Enterprises."



Olympic's Richie Bell is comfortably settled on APIA's Ray Richards' shoulders in this aerial duel last Sunday.

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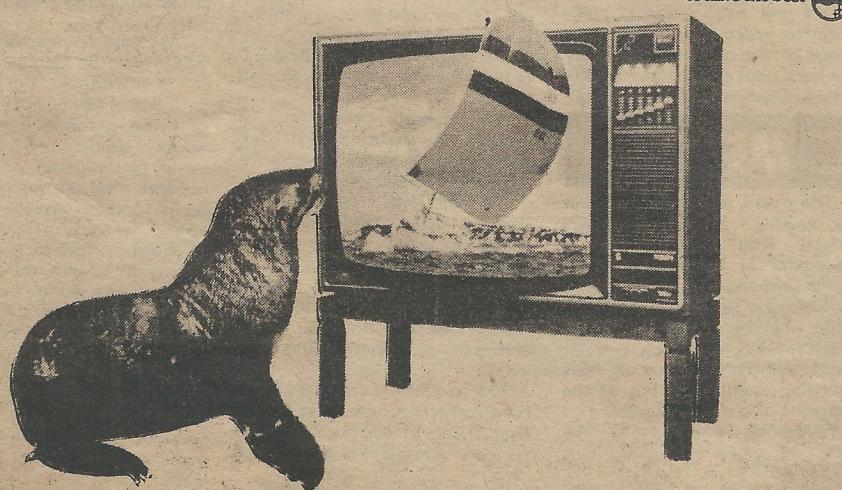
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STATE REPORT

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"The result put a real damper on the pre-match and half time entertainment."

So said Arncliffe Scots president Max Player after the 2-0 loss to Avala last Sunday.

"Actually, the entertainment went off without a hitch, and was enjoyed by all at the game," he said.

"We are planning to hold the same sort of thing at least once a month at Hurstville Oval for our home games, with pipe bands and marching girls."

"The team didn't play as we had expected. Against the low lying Avala we had expected that the players would go for a certain two points, but we gave away two goals from set piece corner plays and paid the price."

"Our midfield is not working well at all. Last week it never got going against the Avala combination, and we were disappointed."

"The midfield will certainly be an area to be examined, although personally I feel the team could do with another striker to add punch," Max said.

"On the whole the afternoon was fairly good for Arncliffe though, as our second and third grade teams won their encounters."

"Our second graders especially are a talented team, and could well challenge for the premiership, or at least a top four placing."

"Also our St. George district teams won most of their matches."

"The only damper on the afternoon was the match we really wanted to win — and yet lost," Max added.

AUBURN

Auburn are luckier than several clubs in the NSW Federation in that they have their own home ground for the whole season.

The shortage of playing fields is a very real one, and may well be a strong argument for the reduction of teams playing top soccer.

Auburn are using Mona Park this year again, but there will be a difference.

This year they are the sole recipients of the ground through an agreement with the local council.

As a result the playing surface should stand up better, thus providing a better medium for good soccer.

Previously Auburn has had to share the ground with several clubs, such as Melita, and this has meant that each week games were played on a surface not renowned for its rugged, lasting capacity.

Auburn officials were disappointed with the team's 2-2 draw against Toongabbie, especially since the team was leading 2-0 at one stage.

However, the good showing of new signing Montgomery, who scored Auburn's second goal, augurs well for the future.

This week's match against Ku-ring-gai will be no means be as easy as everyone had first thought, as the North Shore boys have already pulled off a few shocks.

Auburn, with Hamilton back in action, and firing on all pistons, will take no chances against Ku-ring-gai and are hoping for a victory to help them push further up the table.

AVALA

Avala is finally finding its rhythm, according to publicity man Ken Govrilovic.

Last week's 2-0 win over Arncliffe was a great morale booster for the club and has raised spirits which have been flagging over the past few weeks.

"There was a lot of good football in the game, something our spectators want to see."

"They like clever, creative football, and we are trying to bring back the football of the 'good old days,'" he said.

"Zoran Djuricic has settled in well, and scored last week, but

undoubtedly our playmaker is John Doyle.

"He has settled down the team, and controls both midfield and attack."

"John has already formed a good understanding with Alan Griffiths and Neil Williams, and as a result our attack has become stronger," Ken added.

"The Arncliffe match was a tough one, but showed that we are well on the way to improvement."

"Arncliffe are always a difficult team to play against, because of their bustling, continual fighting style."

"With another couple of good results like last week's win, I'm sure that we will move away from the bottom."

"Alec Grey is a good coach who understands what is needed to improve the team."

"Alec has decided to stop playing, and will now concentrate on coaching first grade, a task which we are certain he will do well," he said.

BANKSTOWN

The comments made last week by Granville's Ron Simmonds found strong support in Bankstown's Stan Peck.

"The main problem as I see it is that there is an increasing number of people who like to play soccer as well as watch it," Stan said.

"This leads to a proliferation of teams and clubs, something which the Federation hasn't controlled tightly enough."

"What more teams mean is that inevitably a great number of them will be forced to play at the same time as State League matches."

"In other words, the NSW Federation deprives itself of spectators," Stan said.

"What we need is a rationalising of the junior set-up, and the NSW Federation should take a hand in that," he said.

Bankstown are another club who will soon start handing out free passes to junior soccer players in their district, following the trend set by Sutherland.

"Our club secretary, Don Morrison, who was with Sutherland for some time, brought the idea to us, and we embraced it fully, just like the Sharks."

"As with Sutherland, we have a large junior catchment area, with over 5000 boys playing soccer."

"If we could get some of these lads and their parents along to our matches we would be on the road to building up our crowds," he said.

"The passes are being printed and will be distributed soon."

"Our assistant coach Gerry Mestrum has played a big part in organising them, and he is personally funding their production," Stan said.

CROATIA

On the subject of Croatia's chances this year coach Atti Abonyi is guardedly confident.

He feels that the present squad is strong enough to do well, as it is a blend of youth and experience.

"I know it is a cliché saying, but it is true."

"The youngsters we have in the first team are all exceptionally talented, and only need a bit of experience to direct them how to use their skills."

"Players such as the Kovacic brothers, Cagalj and Savor all are potential match winners," he said.

"There is no doubt that the team will be a different one to last year's, in line up, and perhaps even in style."

"We lost four regular team members, and that would be a body blow to any club," Atti added.

"Our position at the top won't be as sure as it was before, through a combination of several factors."

"Apart from our losses in playing staff, other clubs, such as Melita, Toongabbie and Monaro have all strengthened their squads, making for much tougher opposition."

"But even so, I feel that our boys will be still in the top four again this year, and we will be all out to defend our premiership title."

"We can assure all 13 other clubs that we won't give up that title without a tremendous fight," Atti said.

GRANVILLE

Granville officials are becoming worried over the number of cautions their players are getting each match.

"It is a worrying thing," said Ron Simmonds, "and is a sign that there is something wrong with the team's attitude to the game."

"With cautions hanging over players' heads their game tends to drop off, and they don't get involved enough, for fear of receiving another card for over-zealous tackles."

"This, in turn, unsettles the whole team morale and would worry any club," he said.

"We basically have a good side, with some talented players."

"But our problem has been to get them working as a unit."

"The new players had practically no time to blend in with the old before we took part in the Ampol Cup, and therefore they had to learn to swim after being thrown in at the deep end, so to speak."

"Moral and team spirit though is our biggest problem," Ron said.

"There just doesn't seem to be the same loyalty towards a single club as there used to be."

"The players seem to be playing for themselves as individuals, and not for the unit, or the club."

"But when the spirit is good, then we play well."

"Against top teams we always perform well, perhaps because the players want to prove something."

"We are hoping that a few good results will boost morale, and with Billy Fraser firmly entrenched in midfield we should have a dominant personality to influence the team's direction," he said.

KU-RING-GAI

Ku-ring-gai's coach Frank Malone must be feeling quite elated with results achieved to date, especially after another win last weekend against Bankstown.

Ku-ring-gai's enthusiastic PR man Bill Bazeley last week was singing Frank's praises, as were all Ku-ring-gai officials and supporters.

"Frank has that uncanny knack to predict player potential, particularly with young players."

"Frank has stuck by young Grant Lee, and was rewarded when the 18-year-old again scored, this time the winner."

"Gary Birchall played in his first team debut, and played up to expectations," Bill said.

"And, of course, the player we are all raving about again turned on a blinder."

"Our goalie Steve Ellis was without question the player of the match — a brilliant player," he said.

"His vital penalty save against Bankstown was unforgettable."

"Dave Hardaker played magnificently in midfield and is showing big promise for the future."

"Consolidation is the theme in Ku-ring-gai, and Frank is definitely the right man to steer our club," Bill said.

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MANLY

Manly are looking to the future not only in terms of team building but also with regard to the club itself.

Plans have been recently submitted to the council for the development of Cromer Park, which would entail the construction of a clubhouse.

Manly president George Dick said that the building would probably be situated where the car park is at present.

"The building will look out over the playing field, and we hope to have a seated area leading up from the ground to the clubhouse," he said.

"Marconi have proved that a clubhouse right next to the ground is a going proposition, and provides the club draw in a larger income while providing patrons with somewhere to go after a game."

"At present the plans are still before the development committee of the council, but we are confident that there will be no problems with the application," he said.

"We are trying very hard to win support from our local population."

"The team always plays well at Cromer, so we hope that at least locals will come and see us there."

"And when they do, once the clubhouse is finished, then there will be somewhere to go afterwards to hopefully sing the team's praises."

"It is all part of our long term plan to get the district involved in the club by providing them with a good team and a good ground to watch soccer in," he said.

MYOLYMPIC

"We seem to be a one half team," said Marrickville Olympic secretary Con Calavrias last Sunday after Olympic had lost 5-2 to Auburn.

"Over our last eight or nine games I have noticed this disturbing trend," he added.

"We can be well on top, or even leading at the interval, but when the second half starts we are a different team with a different attitude."

"The side has the makings of an excellent football team. Coach Jim Gallagher has a fine bunch of players, with some great talent in Evans, Zeros and Thompson."

"What we need to find out is why the team collapses so dramatically at times. Last week against Auburn we were still in the match at half time, being down only 2-1."

"Then something snapped and they put three goals past us to our one, and we ended up with a strange 5-2 defeat."

"It is hard for us all to bear results like that, but I'm confident there won't be another one like it for a long time," he said.

"Our aim is to make Marrickville Olympic a great team again."

"As Lionel Brown said last week, we are out to recapture the lost glories of Canterbury Marrickville," said Con.

"And I see no reason to stop us once the squad strengthens its fighting spirit."

"We will soon begin a campaign to improve and boost the image of the club, and hopefully win back a lot of support for Marrickville Olympic," he added.

MELITA

"He could well be our answer to Ardiles," said Melita's coach Raul Blanco of a youngster in the Melita ranks, Atilio Carbone.

Raul, who knows a good footballer when he sees one, and who doesn't hand out such compliments without good reason, feels that the young Atilio has all the elements of a classic player.

"Although he is only 17, the first time I saw him play I was struck by his style," Raul said.

"He moves like Ardiles, has the same build, his positioning is good, and his ball control and passing are excellent."

"He has a long way to go

before he is anywhere near Ardiles' unique style, but with work and dedication I think Atilio could be a great prospect."

Atilio is Australian born of Italian parentage, and as a mid-fielder has the ideal situation in which to show off his talents.

"The first team squad is getting tremendously strong," added Paul.

"Apart from the players already in the team, there are four or five players in second grade who are pushing for first team spots.

"This is very good for me, and yet very hard, for although there are many players to choose from, the decision whom to drop is a difficult one," Raul added.

With Parker injured, Joe Farugia is back in the team, after waiting for his chance, while Howard Hadley is gradually working his way back to peak match fitness to put more pressure on first team members.

"The pressure is not so great that it effects players' performances, but it just keeps them playing at a level which they can all easily achieve," Raul said.

All nine directors' positions will be up for grabs, though the feeling by most is that the present group will be re-elected.

All Gabbie supporters should hope so, for they have been a tireless group of men, and have helped to bring the Demons to the fore in the State League, with a strong side, a progressive policy and a new ground; all the ingredients of success.

The team building is continuing though, and publicity man Bill Parkhouse said last week that if any player could be of use to the team he will be considered.

"We signed up young Gregi Ankudinoff from APIA, and the youngster had his first game against Croatia in seconds.

"He played well, and we are looking forward to a long association between the boy and the Demons," Bill said.

"Speaking of the future, we could well have a talented reservoir for many years to come in our youth teams."

"We have entered teams in the Federation under 14, 15 and 16 competitions, and apart from their usual coaches, Mick Jones is showing a great interest in their progress."

"In fact, although it is very early in the year to say so, we feel that the boys in these teams have the potential to make the top four in each age group," he said.

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STATE LEAGUE

BANKSTOWN v KU-RING-GAI 0-1 (0-0)

An own goal by fullback Thompson was the decider when Ku-ring-gai surprised by defeating Bankstown 1-0 at the Soccer Centre. Ku-ring-gai dominated in the first half. Up front Jimmy Herron played havoc with the Towns' defence, whilst at the back Frank Malone had everything under control. In the 22nd minute overlapping fullback Gary Birchell received a flick pass from Herron, whose long cross was helped into the net by the luckless Thompson. Greedy managed to foil a great Herron shot, and then in the second half it was all Bankstown. A 72nd minute penalty

was saved by Ellis, leaving Malone's Ku-ring-gai men the victors.

BANKSTOWN: Greedy 4, Thompson 4, Lynch 4, Butler 3, Rootsey 3, Wilson 3, Porter 3, Lee 3, Angelopoulos 3 (Morrison (45m) 3), Tansley 3, Britten 2 (Mason 57m).

KU-RING-GAI: Ellis 4, Birchell 4, Geekie 3, Malone 4, Robertson 4, Hammond 3, Lee 3 (Firrel 75m), Hardacre 3 (Walther 84m), Herron 4, Wilson 3, Smith 3.

Goal: 0-1 Thompson o.g. (72m). **Referee:** B. Fowler. **Crowd:** 256. — E. Persen

AUBURN v MARRICKVILLE 5-2 (3-1)

Auburn were worthy winners and at no stage looked in danger of losing the game. It came as no surprise when they forced the first goal, with Marrickville defender Steve Kable putting the ball into his own net. Soon after Marrickville equalised when Peter Balafas scored after a goalmouth scramble. This spurred Auburn on, and Steve Montgomery netted a 20-metre drive following John McDonald's square pass. The score went to 3-1 through Steve Leek, and then Willie Hamilton had a hand in the next two. Leek netted again in the 76th minute, and Montgomery again in the 79th. Joe Ramisch scored a

consolation goal with two minutes remaining from close in.

AUBURN: Gisbourne 4, Cornett 3, Peters 3 (Juchniewicz 45m), Gary Fairclough 3, McKendrick 3, McDonald 4, Hogg 4, Hamilton 4, Tilt 3 (Field 80m), Leek 4, Montgomery 4.

MARRICKVILLE: Evans 3, Kable 3, G. Brown 3, Pennan 3, Sheldrick 4, Thompson 3, Wignall 3, Williams 4, Balafas 3 (Zeros 45m, 2), Stevenson 3 (R. Brown 55m, 3), Ramisch 3.

Goals: 1-0 Kable o.g. (21m), 1-1 Balafas (22m), 2-1 Montgomery (28m), 3-1 Leek (38m), 4-1 Leek (76m), 5-1 Montgomery (79m), 5-2 Ramisch (88m). **Referee:** G. Warne. **Crowd:** 446. — G. Streeter

GRANVILLE v MONARO 2-1 (1-0)

Monaro managed to negotiate the truckdrivers' blockade to get to Sydney, but they could not confidently get through Granville's defence. The game started with so many fouls that referee Owen Pritchard had to give five yellow cards and award two penalties. The first half was Monaro's. Right on halftime Graeme Barron was brought down in the box and Billy Fraser converted. Then Tom Morrow netted for Granville in the 55th minute. A lot of spite crept into the game, and Monaro's John Santolin and his fellow midfielders left gaps to allow Granville to slip through. Valeri scored from

the spot. Monaro, Larry Bates and Peter Roden were best for the winners.

GRANVILLE: Hoare 3, Barron 3, Biglands 2, Selfridge 3, O'May 3, Forwood 4, Bates 4, Link 3, Morrow 4, Fraser 3, Roden 3.

MONARO: Palec 3, Crawford 3, Charles 2, Noble 3, O'Neill 2, Fay 3 (Bourke 70m), Trajanoski 2, Santolin 2 (Falcon 87m), Giampaolo 3, Valeri 3, Morsello 4.

Goals: 1-0 Fraser pen. (45m), 2-0 Morrow (55m), 2-1 Valeri pen. (75m). **Referee:** O. Britchard. **Crowd:** 258. — D. Morrison

SUTHERLAND v YUGAL 5-0 (2-0)

Five sparkling goals were insufficient to liven an otherwise dreary match. Sutherland opened at a hectic pace and looked brilliant for the first 10 minutes. Hall's early goal was a gem, and Basterfield, who pushed the ball around in excellent style, backed up with the second goal. Then Sutherland fell into the doldrums and played as if they knew that the game was already won. Yugal had little to offer and only had two shots in the entire game. Unless they can find some strength at the front they will remain in the bottom group. Stoddart took his three goals very well. The fourth goal — a first time volley from the edge of the box

— was the finest seen at Seymour Shaw for ages.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 3, Hesford 3, Wykes 3, R. Smith 4 (Watkiss 78m), Dal Forno 3, Schumann 3, Hall 3, Meades 3, Stoddart 4, Basterfield 4, Harrington 2 (Bush 78m).

YUGAL: Berry 3, Radovac 3, Duarte 2, Prgomejic 3, Klemperer 2, Puric (Tavonki 12m, 2), Gallifouco 2, Travini 3 (Stamenkovic 63m), Kumar 3, Nedelkovski 3, Radas 2.

Goals: 1-0 Hall (5m), 2-0 Basterfield (9m), 3-0 Stoddart (52m), 4-0 Stoddart (56m), 5-0 Stoddart (89m). **Referee:** H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 859. — R. Dewick

TOONGABBIE v CROATIA 1-3 (0-2)

Croatia displayed far too much experience for their opponents. Abonyi & Co. gave Gabbie a real footballing lesson in midfield. Croatia scored three goals from half a dozen chances, whilst Toongabbie had three times as many shots but could only put one away. In the 16th minute Sullivan squared the ball to Abonyi, who sent on Marian Kovacic to blast a high ball past James. Sixteen minutes later Croatia were in again, following a long run by Wally Savor. The opening 30 minutes of the second half were

boring; Croatia were content with their lead, whilst the home side could do

nothing right. With 15 minutes to go Savor scored again. Fisher scored Toongabbie's lone goal right on time.

TOONGABBIE: James 3, Taylor 3, Pena 3, Cul 2, Parkhouse 2, Hormazabal 3, Harding 3, Fisher 2, Izzatt 2, Ortega 3, Pollard 3.

CROATIA: Watson 3, A. Kovacic 3, Mullen 4, Basic 3, Smith 3, Cogalj 4, Sullivan 4, Savor 4, Abonyi 4 (Cootes 85m), M. Kovacic 3, Leyden 3.

Goals: 0-1 M. Kovacic (16m), 0-2 Savor (32m), 0-3 Savor (75m), 1-3 Fisher (90m). **Referee:** R. Sandell. **Crowd:** 1256. — S. Mutimer

ARNCLIFFE v AVALA 0-2 (0-1)

Both Avala's goals in their well-deserved win over Arncliffe came from corner kicks. The first was scored by Alan Griffith when he curled his shot inside the near upright. Goalkeeper Norm Rogers made a valiant attempt to keep it out, but could only touch the ball with his fingertips. The second, taken by Zoran Djuricic, saw the keeper fail to hold the ball as it fell into goal. Apart from these dangerous corner kicks, Avala were far the better team. Only over-eagerness and a valiant display by Bob Oldham prevented further goals. Avala won in midfield with outstanding performances by Djuricic.

MANLY v MELITA 0-3 (0-0)

Both sides were playing excellent football. The better organised Melita, with their ability to make space for themselves, put a lot of pressure on Manly. McDonald and Yamine broke up attacks and moved the ball wide for their eager forwards to tear into their opponents. Allan proved a handful and scored two beautifully headed goals from Joe Farrugia crosses. Once Melita scored their second goal Manly threw in the towel, and were well beaten by a team that has thrown down the gauntlet to all and sundry in

— E. De Mesquita

EAGLES POISED TO MAUL SHARKS

The Melita-Sutherland clash at Garside Park on Sunday is certain to be one of the biggest drawing games of the season.

Sutherland and Croatia (7 points) and Melita (6 points) are the three undefeated teams on the table with the fifth round coming up.

Although Sutherland were grand final winners last year and have a ton of drive, they will find it hard to impose their style on Melita, whose specialty is the quick pass and continuous action.

The signing of Don Allan has been a masterstroke for the Eagles, as witness his two goals against an active Manly last week.

He could prove the difference between the teams this week, but nothing is more certain than Sutherland coach John Watkiss will have him closely marked.

Jim Basterfield could be the allotted man once again.

In the group after the top three come Toongabbie,



Gary Fairclough, Auburn.



Bobby Harris, Granville.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

STATE LEAGUE

	I	II	III
Bankstown v K'gai	0-1	3-1	1-4
Sutherland v Yugal	5-0	3-1	6-0
Arncliffe v Avala	0-2	2-1	2-1
Granville v Monaro	2-1	0-0	—
Auburn v M' Olympic	5-2	2-4	2-0
Manly v Melita	0-3	3-2	6-0
Toongabbie v Croatia	1-3	0-1	2-0

DIVISION 1

Nth Sydney v Blktown	0-0	3-1	1-1
Belmore v Syd Olymp	2-2	1-1	3-3
Queens Pk v Nepean	2-6	2-1	1-4
APIA v Warringah	5-1	2-1	5-1
Uni NSW v Polonia	4-2	0-0	1-0
Revesby v Syd City	1-2	0-4	1-0
Wollongong v Marconi	6-3	1-2	2-3

DIVISION 2

Yagoona v Guildford	2-0	0-0	2-1
Lane Cove v Glad Ray	2-2	2-1	3-1
Baulk Hills v W Ryde	4-0	3-1	7-1
De Why v Lethbridge	1-2	6-2	0-0
Glad-Hby v Pt Hack	1-0	2-1	2-0

DIVISION 3

	I	II	III
Kingsford v Artarmon	1-3	1-3	1-1
Riverstone v H'ville	1-1	1-1	2-0
Bondi v Ashcroft	0-1	2-2	2-2
Camp'town v Bonnyrigg	2-2	2-2	2-2
Nth Bankstown v Wenty	5-1	2-0	2-0
Ryde v Sydney Uni	3-4	1-0	1-0

DIVISION 4

	I	II	III
Chelsea v Nth Ryde	0-2	0-1	0-1
Padstow Pk v Maroubra	2-1	1-1	3-1
Nth Rocks v Namatjira	0-6	3-1	1-1
Holroyd v Paddington	2-2	1-1	2-1
Eastwood v W Holroyd	2-4	1-2	5-3
Fairfield v Revesby	5-3	—	—

DIVISION 5

Concordia v Pagewood	2-2	1-2	1-2
Macquarie Uni v H'bury	3-2	1-1	1-2
Camden v Edensor Pk	1-6	2-3	2-0
W St Geo v Haberfield	2-3	2-0	1-0
Auburn Jnr v Maccabi	1-0	1-4	1-0

DIVISION 6

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Wollongong awakening

—By Keith Gilmour—

PRATTEN PARK MAKES DEBUT

Sydney Olympic, chasing a 40-year-lease of Pratten Park, Ashfield, must be congratulated on a mighty effort to start them off at the ground.

Easter eggs for the kiddies, carnations for the ladies and a host of dignitaries, including Mayor Lewis Herman, of Ashfield Council, were in attendance.

The playing pitch was hard and true in spite of the cricket wicket.

There were plenty of blue-and-white decorations.

The large crowd appreciated the excellent seating, even though some of it is too far from the playing pitch itself.

Maybe a win or a draw would have been greatly appreciated by the majority of the crowd, but, indeed, the way their side is playing they get 100 per cent for entertainment, and should ensure some big crowds at Pratten Park over the season.

Wollongong United's support in their home First Division matches has given great heart to the cause of high class football in the Illawarra district.

Against Polonia they drew 2,800, and followed with 2,000 against Sydney City in the rain.

Already 4,000 attendances are being tipped within the next few weeks.

The Macedonian-managed club moved quickly to broaden its playing resources to meet its new challenges.

Signed were David Jirsa, Andy Campbell, Harry Satton and Spanish-born Basquez.

Satton came from Fairy Meadow and Jirsa and Campbell were with Wollongong City a few years back.

Some South Coast officials see United teaming up with the Fraternity Club and other soccer interests for a future bid for Philips League.

Had Wollongong been ready for a determined push for 1979, Toths and Rosso Antico were ready to give the club their backing.

When a concerted bid is made, the fallacy of appointing so many Rugby League people to the Wollongong Showground Trust will become apparent.

Illawarra are in full swing with their Premier League. They drew with ACT in a representative match at Bruce Stadium, and entertain them for the return game

in Wollongong on Easter Monday.

Also travelling will be the under 21 and 18 sides.

Illawarra have already toured Tasmania. This year they go further afield with a New Zealand tour.

Two matches will be played in Auckland and one in Christchurch.

TV SHOW CUT

It looks as if soccer has taken another body blow from television.

Following Channel 10's rejection of the Philips Top Soccer program, Channel 7 in Sydney has also decided to cut back on soccer.

Rex Mossop's "Sportsaction" usually has from seven to nine minutes of soccer, hosted by the Sun's David Jack.

Last week Jack was told the time was being pruned to four and a half minutes and, in future, no soccer guest would appear on the show.

About two and a half minutes always goes to videotape of an English match plus English and Scottish results.

So Rex Mossop is generously giving local soccer two minutes. The "Sportsaction" program runs for 125 minutes...

This is an insult to the most popular sport in the world.

Could it be that Mossop wants Rugby League's rival code off his show completely? Does he fear Rugby League might be losing spectators to soccer? Or is it simply that he has no idea of how big soccer is?

TV and radio coverage of Sydney soccer is absolutely deplorable.

And, judging by Rex Mossop's latest move, it's going to get worse.

Frankston boom

Frankston City have been one of the most vital emerging Victorian State League clubs in the last three years.

The club originated in the late 1940s, making slow progress in the lower grades for 15 years.

The 1970s, however, have shown a marked improvement in the administration to support the higher playing standards of first division.

With entry to the State League having been achieved in 1977, a long range plan was laid.

The Frankston City Council has now granted a 20-year lease to the club at Centenary Park.

The present covered area for more than 2000 people will be changed within the next 18 months into a grandstand taking in 4000 fans at a cost of \$300,000.

This move is aimed to aid the club's possible entry into the PSL.

The club's top attendance so

far has been 3500, but this will be surely broken when Martin Peters, of Norwich City, joins the team for six weeks in late May.

The name Bannon appears twice on the Frankston teamsheet, while the most famous of them, Eamon, former Hearts and now Chelsea player, will be making it three during the British close season.

Centenary Park will accommodate about 20,000 spectators. The terracing should start during May or June.

Frankston have also signed on three players from English League clubs.

One is midfielder Tony Young from Manchester United who gained a second division winner's medal with them in 1975.

—J. Stephen

S.A. SQUAD

Edmund Kreft announced the South Australian State squad for the forthcoming match against Victoria this Wednesday week.

It is: Crook, Reynolds, Jones, McGachey, Bozanic, Boyle, Honeyman and Kosmina (West Adelaide); and Marshall, B. Nyskohus, Perin, Muniz, Northcote, Deans, J. Nyskohus and Muir (Adelaide City).

Kreft doesn't go along with the

idea of selecting players only who are eligible to play for Australia.

He said he was picking a State team which, he thought, was the very best.

"I wouldn't pick a State team without Dixie Deans, for example," he said.

—A. Crisp

POINTS VANISH

The PSL management committee, consisting of Charlie Caruso, Harry Lakemaker and Max Talbot, this week took away three points from South Melbourne for fielding an unregistered player, Tony Turner, in two matches against Olympic (1-0) and Heidelberg (2-2).

However, in an almost totally unprecedented move, the PSL failed to re-allocate the same three points to the two teams involved, Olympic and Heidelberg.

This is the common and logical practice in just about every soccer country in the world.

Now South Melbourne may or may not appeal to the ASF Leagues Committee and the ASF executive.

If their appeal is rejected three competition points will have vanished without trace into thin air.

We already have the bonus point system where teams can gain an extra point without their opponents losing one.

At the end of the competition the final PSL table will be quite "unbalanced" as points

gained and lost will not tally — yet another Australian "innovation".

—C. Crisp

COUNTRY TOUR

Mike Trebilcock is organising a Newcastle State League team to play six matches in Northern NSW centres shortly.

Currently the Northern NSW coach, Trebilcock played in Sydney for Western Suburbs and won a Rothmans Award after arriving from England.

"The tour will test the strength of various cities to show if they are ready for State League and a widespread State Cup competition," Northern NSW president Don Jones said this week.

"It will also show those who have reached the necessary standard of promotion and presentation."

Matches are being finalised for Tamworth and Armidale in the north, and Tweed Heads, Lismore, Grafton and Coffs Harbour on the coast.

Newcastle also expects to send an under-16 team if the series is finalised for May, as this will help lift the standard of developing players as well.

—K.G.

NSW TABLES

STATE LEAGUE

GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sutherland	3	1	—	13	4	7
Croatia	3	1	—	9	4	7
Malta	2	2	—	8	2	6
Ku-ring-gai	2	1	1	4	4	5
Auburn	1	2	1	11	9	4
Toongabbie	1	2	1	8	7	4
Bankstown	1	2	1	5	5	4
Granville	2	—	2	6	8	4
Manly	1	1	2	4	6	3
Mv. Olympic	1	1	2	5	8	3
Arndcliffe	1	1	2	5	5	3
Monaro	—	2	2	6	8	2
Avala	1	—	2	3	6	2
Yugal	—	—	3	1	10	—

GRADE 2

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	4	—	—	10	3	8
Arndcliffe	3	1	—	11	4	7
Sutherland	3	—	1	8	3	6
Bankstown	2	1	1	6	4	5
Granville	1	2	1	2	1	4
Mv. Olympic	2	8	2	8	4	4
Croatia	2	—	2	3	4	4
Auburn	2	—	2	5	7	4
Toongabbie	1	1	2	5	8	3
Ku-ring-gai	1	1	2	5	8	3
Malta	1	1	2	5	8	3
Avala	1	—	2	5	6	2
Monaro	—	1	3	—	6	1
Yugal	—	—	3	1	9	—

GRADE 3

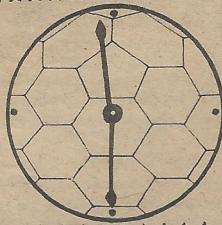
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Monaro	—	1	3	—	6	1
Yugal	—	—	3	1	9	—

GRADE 4

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	3	—	—	20	—	6</

2 TO 6

Conducted by Val Hokin
and Emmanuel Kanna



West St. George's (Div. 5) string of injuries continued with their fourth first grader, John Ryan — another badly injured knee. Against Haberfield last weekend the Saints paid the price: two defensive errors gave the opposition a two-goal lead. Dave Hooper followed up a shot through midfield to score first with Brett Plumridge converting a penalty later. Another goal from Haberfield saw the final result as 2-3. Reserve grade earned two points, with Simon Flack scoring twice in a 2-0 result.

Kingsford (Div. 3) suffered their first defeat at home against Artarmon (1-3) on a playing field which was far from perfect. Kingsford took the field with two star players missing: Glen Walker with illness and Nick Scarvelli. Despite the weakness in the team a brilliant goal was scored with an 18-metre-shot by Sandy Hopkins and a good display of football determination was exhibited by the 16-year-old fullback Peter Kavouras. In the 3-1 win for Artarmon the goal of the match was scored by Frank Knight from a good pass from winger Jim Bell. Gary Hosie got his second goal this season for the winners.

Canley Heights (Div. 5) played Fairfield West in a match that could have gone either way until the 80th minute. Canley Heights had, unfortunately, lost their regular goalkeeper, replaced by Sergio Serdoz, a regular defender. This gave a rather nervous defence an apprehensive start but as the game proceeded, confidence built. New midfield signing Robbie Daleol scored from the penalty spot and minutes later he again scored to give his team the two points on the day. The reserve grade match was not played due to lack of referees. Canley Heights president Ted McAdam is pleased that several players are assisting the juniors by taking up coaching positions and that the sidelines have seen a return of quite a few supporters.

Riverstone (Div. 3) and Hurstville Zagreb shared the points with a 1-1 score in both grades. For Riverstone Leo Vanderburg scored three minutes after kick-off and the Zagreb goal came in the second half from a 16-metre shot by rightback Victor Celic. Hurstville have added to their list of players another signing from Sydney Croatia, 21-year-old midfielder Almos Muratovic.

Edensor Park (Div. 5) scored a resounding 6-1 win over Camden last weekend with forward Bob Pagano playing an outstanding game besides scoring a hat-trick. The Edensor team played very well with good ball and team co-ordination. S. Olic, midfielder and Ted Grzalek also scored. The reserve grade match went to Edensor Park with coach R. Dajanovic scoring identical goals, 25-metre shots from freekicks. Camden scored from a penalty in the last minutes of the match. The club has been fortunate in securing sponsors to outfit most of the teams: A. N. Krslovic Homes — U/15 alternate strip; Ivan Butchery (vice-president, Sydney Croatia) U/15 red strip; Zagreb Building Co. — U/13 strip; Brala Homes — senior strip; Branko Bosnjak Co. — senior strip; D. Agosdino Gyproc Co. — U/9 strip; Savoy Travel — senior and U/8 strip. The club would like to thank sincerely all their sponsors.

Bonyrigg Eagles (Div. 3) put up a good display away from home to hold Campbelltown City to a 2-2 draw. After having lost a player, a defender, sent off in the first 10 minutes, the Eagles failed twice and were unlucky to miss a winning goal in the last minutes of the game. Two brilliant, accurate and daring goals were scored by Emmanuel Isaac. Campbelltown's first goal was scored by Tommy Stein and the second by Ray King. In the reserve grade the Eagles finished with a 2-2 draw after leading 2-0 at half time.

North Bankstown (Div. 3) had a good 5-1 win against Wentworth at Potts Park. The game was hard and at times very rough which led to one player from each side being sent off. The first goal for Bankstown came in the first minutes of the game and goal scorers were Richie Celeark, a hat-trick, Trevor Buckley and Tom Madden scoring from the penalty spot.

Padstow Park (Div. 4) met Maroubra United, winning 2-1 in a well controlled game full of many missed chances. The outstanding players for Padstow were Gary Brooks, centre half and two midfielders, Glen and Perry Ingle. The goal scorers were Geoff Bogg and Alan McMahon.

Blacktown Wanderers (Div. 6) played away to Moorebank last weekend. Barry Michelsen (Moorebank) suffered a fractured leg. One minute's silence was held for the brother of goalkeeper G. Piper before the first grade kick-off. Moorebank took the lead after 25 minutes, with Blacktown missing a penalty right on halftime. The second half began very evenly but it was Moorebank who again scored with 10 minutes left to play. Goalkeeper G. Piper again played a magnificent game.

Hawkesbury (Div. 5) played away at Marks Field against Macquarie Uni last weekend. First grade repeated the 2-3 loss of their previous match, being down 0-3 in the 65th minute, when midfielder Colin McMaster scored. Tony Coddler followed suit and scored from a good midfield build-up from 18 metres. The reserve grade result was a 1-1 draw, with winger Wayne Carter scoring early and Uni equalising shortly after the break. The club was disappointed to receive a rejection of their junior teams' affiliation in the Nepean Districts for the third year in succession, because there were sufficient clubs in the district. The club now has affiliated their three junior teams, U/11, U/14 and U/17 to the Protestant Churches Association.

Lane Cove (Div. 2) played their matches at home against Gladesville Ravens. The half time score of 2-0 should have given the Cove the points but the team relaxed a little and allowed Gladesville to score twice, firstly through a defensive error, the second being a great goal almost from the sideline. John Byker scored for Lane Cove first from 25 metres, giving the keeper no chance and Ian Gamble got the second with a header off a cross from Dave Williams. Both these players had good all-round games. First grader Stan Mitford, leftback, down with the flu, was replaced this week by Alex Melville. Forward Sid Welsh made a return to the field in reserve grade as sweeper, having a very good steady influence on the team. The club is very pleased with the performance of the young third graders scoring a determined 3-1 win.

Baulkham Hills (Div. 2) played West Ryde at the Ted Horwood reserve. Catching their opponents napping the Hills scored two early goals. This ruffled the under-strength Ryde who allowed ex-Croatia player, midfielder Tommy Crone, to entertain the 300-odd crowd with his ball skills. West Ryde maintained their concentration of the game despite the club's 1978 coach Jeff Eason and Alan Grant being in the Baulkham Hills team. The Hills forward Harry Gough had a good game, creating and scoring goals.

Ryde District (Div. 3) is still without a win, having lost in the second round 2-4 to Sydney University. In this game all four goals for Uni were scored by Jeffrey Goldstein.

CLUB PATROL

EDITED BY STEPHEN DETTRE

Bankstown's active secretary DON MORRISON has been forced to take things easy after he suffered a mild heart attack last week. Don, a well-known soccer personality, has taken the warning, and unfortunately for 'Town has limited his activities for a while. We hope he gets stronger and his condition improves.

Quanbeyan High should have a very strong side in this year's TASMAN CUP, for there are two Monaro players in the side. VALECHI TRAJANOSKI and MICK ANTANOPoulos both go to the school, while publicity man JOE CHIERA's younger brother DOMINIC is also in the team.

Inter Monaro's long serving player FLAVIO DE PAOLI has been forced to drop out of the first team because of outside commitments. Flavio has been a model player with the club, giving 100% effort each week and he will be sorely missed. A few

SCHOOLS

Bankstown, one of the highly-rated teams, was tumbled from the first round of the Tasman Cup by unknown Fairvale.

The final tally of entrants was 265 when the cup started. Entries from Picton, Bownal and Moss Vale were originally lost in the mail, but the schools were accepted into the draw.

In another forward move, St George club is inviting all the secondary schools in their area to join in a competition along the lines of the one being sponsored in the city and eastern suburbs by Westfield Ltd in conjunction with Sydney City.

These competitions represent the chance to bring in the private and church school teams not included in the Tasman Cup, and represent great value for the schools as well as the senior clubs themselves.

At the Australian Schools' meeting, in Sydney, Dave Harris (Qld.) was appointed president. Bill Turner (Northern NSW) is senior vice president.

S. Bonner (Qld.) is vice-president in charge of national championships, and Phil Murray (Northern NSW) vice-president in charge of overseas contacts.

ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre discussed the 1980 Centenary of Soccer with the delegates.

ASF secretary Brian Le Fevre

ACT teams have expressed interest in signing him, and if their training demands are right, Flavio may sign with a Canberra club.

Granville were without their strong midfielder BILLY FRASER for the match against Ku-ring-gai because of Billy's work commitments. Originally the match had been scheduled for the Sunday, which would have suited Billy fine. But in the last minute the game was switched to Saturday, which meant that Granville had to play without one of their most important players.

Bankstown's first team manager NEIL INNES is due back from a six-week trip to the United Kingdom. Neil, who is the son of president JACK, has, like his father, been involved with the club for many years.

At first Melita officials were dismayed at the thought of drawing Marconi in the Philips Cup, but now the players are all relishing the thought of the encounter, according to coach RAUL BLANCO.

Polonia are hopeful that this year's experiment with youth teams will be a success, to provide them with a steady flow of young players for the top sides. This is the first year that Polonia have entered three teams in the Federation Youth Leagues.

Melita have signed up former Auburn stalwart ALAN GIBSON. Alan was an integral part of Auburn in 1975, and is an excellent left back. Last year he was in "limbo", so to speak, never settling down with Sydney Olympic. Now the 26-year-old defender could well be a valuable buy by RAUL BLANCO, who is always looking to strengthen his squad.

Toongabbie are extremely keen to contact the former APIA player, GREG CAMPBELL, as they have been considering signing him for 1979. However, Greg has not contacted the club after initial talks, and the Demons are wondering what has happened.

Toongabbie's PETER FREEMAN, their first grade goalkeeper last year, is back in solid training after a cartilage operation.

Toongabbie's PETER FREEMAN

Yugal have completed negotiations with a Wollongong player and are hopeful that he will be a first team regular. VOJNE NEDELKOVSki was signed by Yugal last year in December after a friendly match in Wollongong. However, Vojne didn't want to move from his family and as a result he rarely attended trainings. Now things have been sorted out and he will attend training sessions in Sydney, travelling up from the South Coast.

Inter Monaro's excellent striker SEBASTIAN GIAMPAOLO turned 20 last Wednesday.

Inter Monaro are worried about the disciplinary record of their recent signing, IAN HEYWOOD, whom they bought from neighbours Canberra City. Ian has been sent off twice this year. Last week was his second expulsion, in his first game after serving a two-week suspension for being sent off.

Bankstown stalwart JOHN LEMBRYK, their 18-year-old defender, has been plagued by a nagging knee injury for some time, and has again been laid up by the injury.

Granville's young DAVID HARVEY has resumed with the club after finishing his cricket and study commitments. David is only 19, and according to Ron Simmonds, Granville's PR man, is an excellent striker.

After a two-year absence from soccer because of studies, Granville has regained MARK McCRAKEN. Another 19-year-old striker, Mark was captain of the Granville thirds before he stopped playing to finish his studies.

Bankstown's DENIS DALEY strained a muscle against Marrikville Olympic and missed last week's game. However, the club is hopeful he will return for this week's match.

Inter Monaro's club captain ALAN BOURKE missed last week's game through an old ankle injury which forced him to miss the week's training.

We mentioned a few weeks ago that ENRIQUE DUARTE

was "persona non grata" with Yugal after he was sent off in the Ampol Cup quarterfinal against Melita. However, through a series of injuries and missing players, Yugal have given him a second chance, and are hoping that he controls his temper from now on.

Toongabbie second grader TONY KINSEY, brother of ALBERT KINSEY, has been laid up for the past three weeks after a cartilage operation. Young Tony, who is only 16, has begun light training now and is well on the way to total recovery.

Melita's BRIAN PARKER could be out of action for two or three weeks after he twisted an ankle while playing. After seeing a doctor he was advised to rest his leg to prevent further damage, and so will have at least two weeks off from training.

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WORLD NEWS



EUROPE'S MONTH OF SHOCKS

The months of April and May always produce a glut of internationals in Europe.



West German internationals Flohe and Zimmerman celebrate FC Cologne's qualification over Glasgow Rangers in last month's European Cup.

In the last two weeks or so many of the national teams were involved in action.

In Brussels, Belgium, despite an overbearing domination of the game, had to settle for a 1-1 draw when that dangerous goal-getter, Krankl, snatched the equaliser with a snapshot.

The Austrian Baumeister was the best man on the field — apart from Krankl who has further enhanced his reputation.

In Moscow in pouring rain the USSR swept Bulgaria aside with an easy 3-1.

The Soviets introduced three new caps: Adzhem in the defence, Koridze in midfield and Sengeljia in the attack — but the show was stolen by a rejuvenated Blokhin.

Holland had to wait until the 55th minute to open their account against a defensive Switzerland at

Eindhoven; finally, with goals by Kist, Metgod and Peters, they struggled to an unconvincing 3-0.

In Budapest, Hungary continued their revival with a 3-0 win over what critics called the weakest East Germany of all times.

The return of Nyilasi and Torocsik and a new cap, Kutasi (aged 30), at fullback, gave the Hungarians a promising new look.

Czechoslovakia beat France 2-0 in Bratislava but French manager Michel Hidalgo can have the ready-made excuse that his team was forced to line up without several stars: Lacombe, Six, Rocheteau, Tresor and Michel were absent.

Spain forced a good 2-2 draw against Rumania in Craiova thanks to the industrious Asensi and the brilliant Del Bosque.

A few days after their Budapest

match, the Hungarians travelled to Chorzow and achieved a very respectable 1-1 against Poland.

But the real sensation of the past fortnight was provided in Izmir where Turkey — like Malta two weeks earlier — held the mighty West Germany to a 0-0 draw.

The Germans played without

Maier, Fischer and Abramczyk and manager Jupp Derwall selected his 11 men from nine different teams.

With this further loss of point the chances of Germany in their European Championship group have received a jolt: Wales could now edge them out of the quarterfinals.

OVERSEAS BRIEFS

- Andrzej Iwan, the young Wisla Krakow star, faces certain suspension following a bloody brawl in a bar.
- Brazil's freekick specialist fullback Nelinho has to undergo surgery for a serious sciatic nerve disorder which all but cripples him.
- The South American youth championship in Montevideo last January produced a profit of \$120,000.
- Rijsbergen, the brilliant sweeper of Holland now playing for the French Bastia in Corsica has signed for New York Cosmos.
- Alan Simonsen, the elusive Dane of Borussia Monchengladbach, is almost certain to join Barcelona in the new season.
- Hungary beat Rumania 2-1 in a UEFA Youth qualifying match. However, the group favorites remain the USSR.
- It's final: Gerd Muller has signed for the American club Fort Lauderdale.
- France will play the USA on May 2 in the New Jersey Giants stadium.
- Eintracht Frankfurt's young fullback Fred Schaub established a unique record: he came on as replacement in the match against Bremen — two seconds before the final whistle.
- Lutz Eigendorf, Dynamo Berlin's East German international, has fled to West Germany and has been granted asylum.
- Physicians specialising on football will hold their congress in Warsaw on May 24-25.
- Argentina will travel to Europe in May with 10 of their World Cup squad members. Also included in the party is new star Diego Maradona.
- The sacked Bayern Munchen coach, Gyula Lorant, has been engaged by Schalke, fighting against relegation in the Bundesliga.
- The Polish club Szombierki Bytom has just celebrated its 60th anniversary.
- Perhaps Europe's shortest goalie in first division is Schreitl of Vienna-Wien who stands at 1.68 cm.
- The Italian sports weekly "Guerin Sportivo" has compiled the list of 10 top South Americans who would be the greatest successes with Italian clubs. The list is headed by young Maradona of Argentina, ahead of Morena of Uruguay (seen in Sydney in 1974), Fillol, Perotti, Houseman, Andreucchi, Bachini, Outes (all Argentina), Corezo and Dirceu (Brazil).

When so many teams rebel against coaches, this is refreshing news: Peter Shilton, Nottingham's England 'keeper, has it in his contract that if Brian Clough ever leaves the club, he himself is entitled to a free transfer.

Paolo Rossi is likely to transfer from Lanerossi Vicenza to Inter Milan — for a staggering \$6,400,000. Not a bad sum for a young player who has had all his four cartilages removed already.

Ajax's captain and stopper Ruud Krol may end up with Arsenal if the Londoners are prepared to pay about \$640,000 for him.

Willie Johnston, West Brom's Scottish striker who caused the World Cup's dope scandal last year, has asked for a transfer. Willie has played in only four full matches this year for the club.

Leeds have signed Alan Clarke — but not THAT Clarke. He is an Irish lad of 17 and only a namesake of the former Leeds central striker.

Ace German coach Udo Lattek will leave Borussia Monchengladbach at the end of the season and will be replaced by his assistant, former star forward Jupp Heynckes. Lattek refused to accept a one-year contract from Borussia and insisted on at least two years.

Ex-Brazil star Paulo Cesar left Botafogo for Gremio of Porto Alegre for only \$80,000 plus a \$40,000 signing on fee for himself.

Argentinian River Plate have signed the brilliant Uruguayan fullback Alfredo de los Santos and midfielder Juan Carrasco. Even more importantly, they refused to sell their captain Passarella to the Washington Diplomats who offered \$1,200,000 — over five years.

In Chile players' annual contracts are strictly limited to \$7200 — so veteran goalie Mazurkiewicz promptly re-signed for his club Cobreloa for \$22,000.

The Dutch government has agreed to grant \$13 million to its League clubs — provided they accept nine strict conditions about their management, ground improvements, etc. The government wants to limit payments to players and wants managers to be engaged for at least three years.

Alf Ramsey is receiving \$80,000 a year, tax free, as national team adviser to Kuwait. As England manager before he resigned in 1974, Sir Alf was getting \$11,000 a year.

Egypt's new national team boss is Dezsö Bundzsak who played for Hungary many times in the early 1960s.

SOCER USA STYLE

STOMPERS NOW CHILLY OILERS

Soccer a la USA ... In other words: things that can happen only in America.

On the eve of the new season start, the Oakland Stompers franchise was sold for \$2,200,000 and moved 1100 miles north to Canada's oil city, Edmonton.

Edmonton's new owner is Peter Pocklington who also owns a professional ice hockey team, the Edmonton Oilers.

The new club had about six weeks to put together a new team. Of course, they will have the right to the Oakland players who must move house from San Francisco Bay to the chilly Canadian city.

They also signed Hans Kray, the Dutch star from AZ Alkmaar.

In Toronto, the Metro-Croatia club is no more and will play now under the management of Global Sports Enterprises.

They renamed the club as Toronto Blizzards and engaged former Sheffield United player Keith Eddy as coach.

Earlier in the off season, the Denver franchise was transferred to Atlanta.

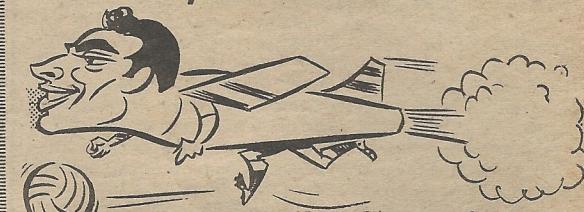
Other clubs have been busy signing new players.

The Tulsa Roughnecks have acquired Iran's World Cup player Danaifar and the Derby pair of Nish and Powell, as well as Woodward from Sheffield United.

Dallas have Helmut Kremer from Schalke, Alex Stepney from Manchester United, Jaro Pirus from Salzburg, Zequinha from Sao Paulo and Gomez from Argentina.

Seattle have also spent big: they have Alan Hudson, Jimmy Neighbour and John Ryan as well as Derek Smethurst, while Los Angeles have Thomas Rongen from Holland and Keri from Red Star Belgrade.

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